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Timely Tidbits ...

Goodfellows Seek Donations At Festival

The Romulus Goodfellows – already making preparations to keep their annual vow of "No child without a Christmas" – will be collecting donations at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22. Residents are asked to stop by the "Smoke House" to drop off their donations of new, unwrapped toys or gift certificates.

Students To Host Baby Shower Benefit

On Saturday, October 26 – in recognition of National Make-A-Difference Day – students from Romulus High School's parenting class will, under the direction of teacher Phyllis Wilkerson, host a citywide baby shower to benefit the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus, an agency that provides for needy newborns. The baby shower will be held at Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, north of I-94) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local residents are urged to attend the event, which will feature a light luncheon, educational materials, games, and door prizes. Attendees should bring one new, unwrapped baby item for donation to the Helping Hand.

To make your reservation, contact Kathy Hurst, service-learning coordinator, at the High School (734-532-1016). Deadline for registration is Monday, October 21.

Board Of Education To Meet At Merriman

In keeping with its pledge to take half its meetings to the community, the Romulus Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, September 23, at Merriman Elementary School, located at 15303 Merriman Road just south of Eureka.

The meeting – which will feature presentations on the topics of "School Climate" and "Police Liaisons" – will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. ❑

Pumpkin Fest Puts Spotlight On Entertainment

Among the musical acts scheduled to perform at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival is 4Cast: (from left) brothers Julian and Eric Lambert; their uncle, Mayor Alan Lambert; and Tom Howie. ***For a schedule of events, see page 9.***

Once Again, Romulus Schools Significantly Outperform Area Charter Schools On MEAP

Students from the Romulus Community Schools once again scored significantly higher on the math and science portions of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) than students attending area charter schools.

"The Romulus school system really makes a big difference for children, their educational achievements, and their future," said Superintendent Joel R. Carr.

Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, explained some of the recent changes to the MEAP's math and science tests, including the new constructed-response questions and the new scoring system adopted by the State.

"All future MEAP tests will be scored like the current Senior High Merit Examinations," said Dolan, "with the top two quartiles counted as 'passing' and the bottom two counted as 'not passing.'"

The four quartiles are:

- I (exceeds Michigan standards),
- II (meets Michigan standards),
- III (at basic level), and
- IV (apprentice).

2002 MEAP Scores* for Romulus Area Schools

	Romulus Schools	Metro Charter Academy	Summit Academy
4th-grade math	58.2	19.5	21.2
5th-grade science	64.2	42.6	41.3
8th-grade math	42.9		23.9
8th-grade science	58.3		38.3

**numbers represent the % of students scoring in the first or second quartile*

In a recent conference held in East Lansing, Linda Brown, Director of Field Services for Michigan's Department of Education, indicated that the State will place a lot of emphasis on elevating as many students as possible from the "apprentice" group. Against the backdrop of this goal, Summit Academy's performance is especially poor, Dolan believes. He pointed out the high number of Summit students scoring in the lowest quartile on the fourth- and eighth-grade math tests – 42.3% and 56.7%, respectively.

"Romulus parents work hard and want the best for their children," said Dolan. "We try very hard to develop the best educational practices that will help the children of Romulus, and we believe that our school district is making great strides toward meeting this goal."

Dolan also noted U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige's recent commendation of Romulus Community Schools for significantly raising their MEAP science scores over a three-year period and for demonstrating that technology can play an important role in increasing student achievement. ❑

Letter to the Editor

Murder Victim's Husband Thanks City Of Romulus, Local Police Officers

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the City of Romulus and the Romulus Police Department for the successful resolution of the 1991 murder of my wife, Northwest flight attendant Nancy Ludwig.

While many on the Romulus police force were involved over the last eleven years, two officers assigned from the first day never gave up. Lieutenant Dan Snyder and Sergeant Gordon Malaniak assured me many times that the case would be solved. Their support and encouragement gave me the hope that sustained me through the many years.

Snyder's and Malaniak's professionalism and dedication during the investigation, arrest, and conviction made their pledge come true. On August 23, 2002, serial killer/rapist Jeffery Gorton was convicted on five counts, including murder in the first degree. He will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

I also want to thank Sergeant Emmett Barnes for his help and support during the trial.

The City of Romulus and the State of Michigan are fortunate to have such loyal, dedicated professionals on their police force.

Arthur A. Ludwig

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Guest Commentary

New Mayors Muscle Their Way Into Office

by Steve Jones

Take a close look at these guys: Kwame Kilpatrick, mayor of Detroit, and Alan Lambert, mayor of Romulus.

The differences between these two relatively new southeastern Michigan mayors may, at first, appear to be obvious. Kilpatrick is a savvy thirty-something African-American who, at 6'5", is proving to be a physical and political behemoth presiding over the massive municipal business of the nation's sixth-largest city. Lambert is a tough, fair, forty-something Caucasian ex-cop who is somewhat smaller than Kilpatrick in physical stature. He presides over the administrative business of a city whose total population could fit comfortably in a corner of Detroit. (Of course, that corner would also have to accommodate the nine square miles taken up by the nation's sixth-largest airport, carved into the heart of Romulus: Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where nearly 40 million air passengers a year pass 40 million in-flight meals.)

On closer inspection, you'll notice a remarkable similarity between these mayors: these guys have got *guns* like nobody's business. Not the lock-n-load, twelve-in-the-clip-one-up-the-snout, holstered, and (hopefully) permitted kind. No, these guys have got iron-pumping, vein-popping, shirt-sleeve-busting guns.

In fact, if you took a LA-Z-BOY six-pack poll of mayors throughout America, you might conclude that Kilpatrick and Lambert are easily the most buff, cut, ripped-and-shredded mayors in America. The Mr. Universes of mayoral muscle. The Vin Diesels of the Democrats.

Is their muscle-mass an indication of what it takes to successfully wrangle in the political arena of the industrial Midwest? Is their ability to bench press 300 lbs. while casually chewing sugar-free gum a physical affirmation of an emerging power structure in politics?

Well, no, not exactly.

But when you see pictures of Kilpatrick and Lambert, you can't help but think the worlds of muscle development and political power have merged. They look like the kind of guys who begin their day with a 5 a.m. no-pain-no-gain set of deadweight reps at Powerhouse Gym, then go on to Barney's of Boston for suits that can nicely accommodate their Justice League of America bodies.

Lambert partially credits fourteen years on the Romulus police force for his big guns.

"It's important to stay fit when your duty is protecting the public," said Lambert, who does, in fact, start his day with a 5 a.m. workout that includes a mile or two on a treadmill followed by weights.

Lambert also credits rock music for his healthy dedication to muscular development. When he's not arm-wrestling with City Council over sharing road-expansion costs with Wayne County, he keeps his biceps oiled and lubed for his occasional rock group, 4Cast.

"I've been a rock drummer since high school," said Lambert from his office in Romulus. "I love the energy of the music. But you can't imagine how physically strenuous it is to perform rock music, especially if you're the drummer. If you're not in shape, you can't keep the beat. And if you can't keep the beat, maybe you should just go home and knit or something."

Legendary '60s rock drummer Ginger Baker, with seven heart attacks behind him, might have something to say about keeping in shape. And Keith Moon, fabled original drummer for the never-say-die British rock group The Who, might also offer a different physical fitness view were he not dead.

Lambert, mayor of Romulus since November 2001, also credits muscle-ripping workouts and rock drumming with being tremendous stress relievers. And considering his daily challenges, like containing Detroit Metro Airport's ravenous appetite for surrounding Romulus-area land while reenergizing business and residential development, it's no wonder he takes the stress relief of working out and drumming seriously.

We're still unsure of Detroit mayor Kilpatrick's musical abilities. However, we are sure that, whatever they are, they must require several long hours on the same Nautilus machine to prepare for whatever his chosen instrument is.

As for Romulus mayor Alan Lambert, he'll be hammering the skins on a full drum set with his rock band 4Cast at Romulus's 6th Annual Pumpkin Festival, which runs from September 20–22.

"The Pumpkin Festival is great because we've got music for everybody: jazz, R&B, country, and traditional folk," said Lambert.

Asked if he would roll up his sleeves and give us a demonstration of his rock drumming abilities using his desk and two Number 2 pencils, Lambert politely declined.

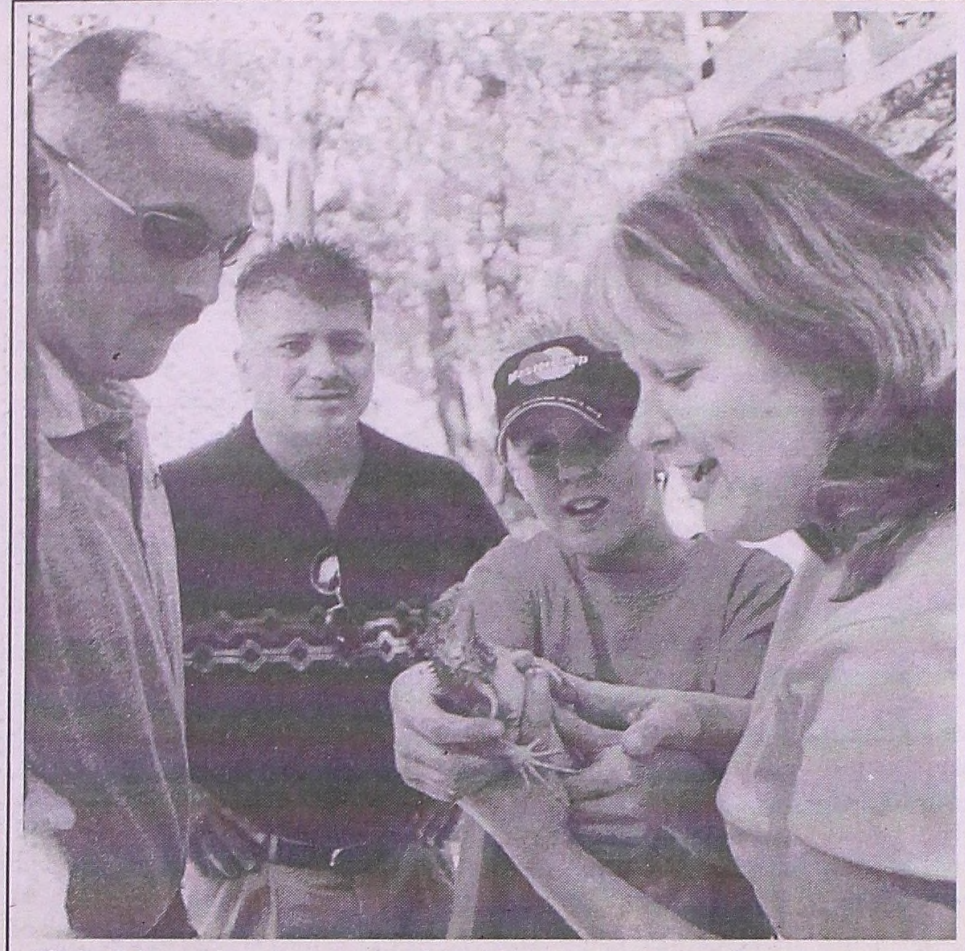
"You'll just have to come out to the Pumpkin Festival for a full-tilt-boogie demonstration," Lambert said. "Ten songs, all rock, no waiting."

On to Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's office.

Please, God, don't let it be the accordion.

Wouldn't *that* be a waste of good guns? ❑

Local Businessmen Rescue Resident's "Treed" Pet Iguana



"Spike" is anxiously examined by his owner, Jordan Bowden (second from right), and Jordan's mom, Renee Bowden, after Huron Township firefighters Shawn Williams (left) and Kevin Johnston helped to rescue him from a tree. (Not pictured: Comcast employee and fellow "rescuer" Bob Bonnici.)

Thanks to the efforts of three local businessmen, best friends Spike and Stephen have been reunited.

The two iguanas – yes, iguanas – live next door to each other on Wabash Road in the homes of their respective owners, Jordan Bowden and Adrian Garduno, and visit each other often.

But their friendship nearly came to an end last Friday when Spike – out for his daily walk – escaped from his leash and ran to the very top of a nearby tree.

"We took turns watching to make sure he didn't crawl away and get lost," said Michelle Garduno, mother of Adrian and neighbor of Spike's owner, Jordan. "After a three-day vigil, we knew we had to do something to get him down soon. Not only was it difficult to keep an eye on him all the time, but the cool night temperatures were a danger to his health."

After calls to the Romulus Fire Department yielded no results, Garduno decided to call an old friend, Kevin Johnston, to see if he had any suggestions. It was a good decision, since the co-owner of Johnston Lithograph, Inc. – located on Hunt Street in Romulus – is also a firefighter/EMT specialist with the Huron Township Fire Department.

Lieutenant Johnston's response was simple: "I'll be right over."

It wasn't long after his arrival that Johnston was on the phone with fellow Huron Township firefighter and Comcast cable company employee Shawn Williams. The two arranged to borrow Comcast's "cherry picker" and, with the help of Comcast employee Bob Bonnici, rescue the iguana.

"It was a wonderful thing to do!" said Garduno. "Kevin, his firefighter colleague, and the people at Comcast went out of their way for us – and it wasn't even their responsibility."

Johnston said he enjoyed helping.

"My friend has done so much for me over the years. It was nice to be able to return the favor," he explained. ❑

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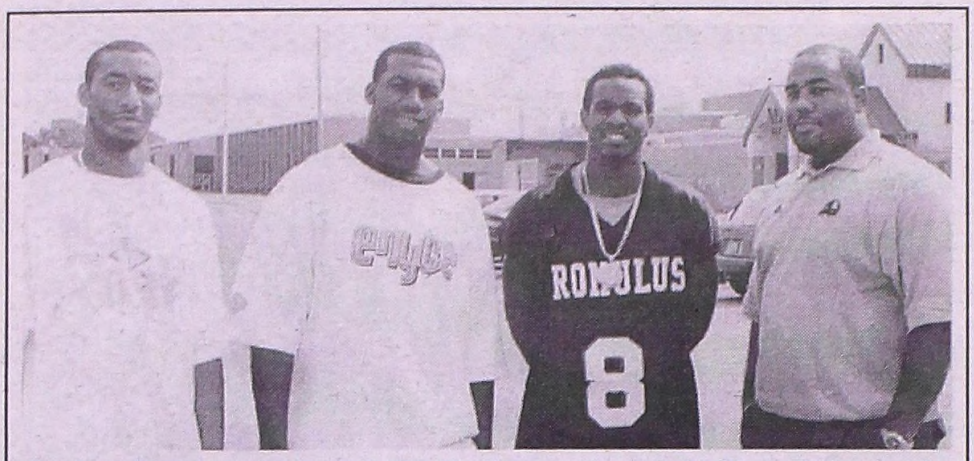
RHS Sports

The Romulus High School soccer team is 1–0 under new head coach Angela Siggia and assistant coach Stefani Carpenter. Team members include: (from left) front – Gentjan Xikola, Ken Belcher, goalies Jamie Henne and Phillip Martin, Ergys Hoxha, Tim Lewis, and Chris Lucaj; back – Colin Hulet, Chad Blackburn, Danny Farrar, Evangdos Linaedakij, Jeremy Trevarrow, Brad Garland, Brandon Slabaugh, and Michael Mancine.

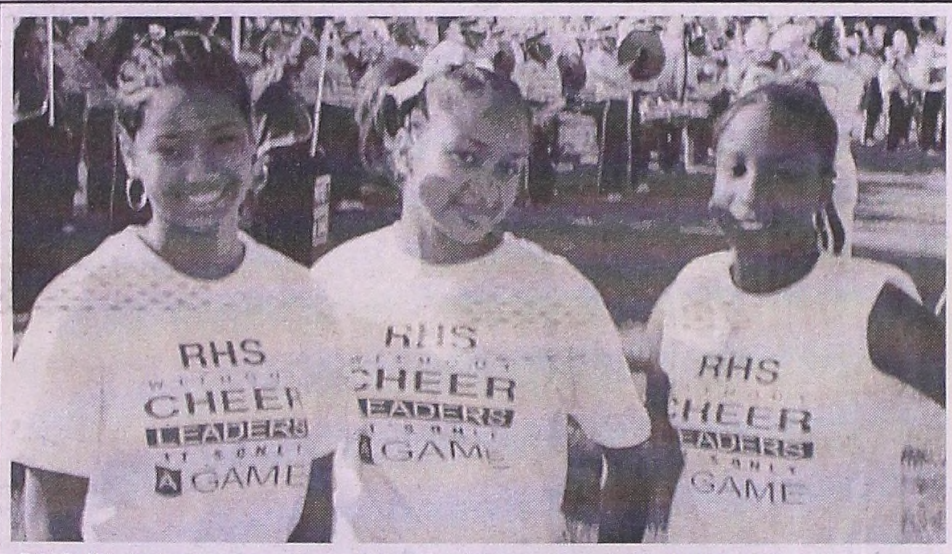
The Romulus High School golf team – off to a 4–3 start – includes (from left): front – Wayne Williams, Robert Staffiery, Dean Gilbert, and Skylar Winter; back – Karl Wukie (assistant coach), Jeff Hoffman, Steve Witherow, Roy Hollis, Andrew McNeil, and Paul Niedermeyer (head coach).

Off to a 5–1 start is the RHS Lady Eagles basketball team: (from left) front – Darlene Glass, Natasha Murray, Paris Hawkins, and Brittany Brooks; back – Marrika Wise (captain), Janiece Armstrong, Alicia Harbor, Constance Kersey, Deborah Anderson, Ashley Sibby (captain), and Whitney Poole.

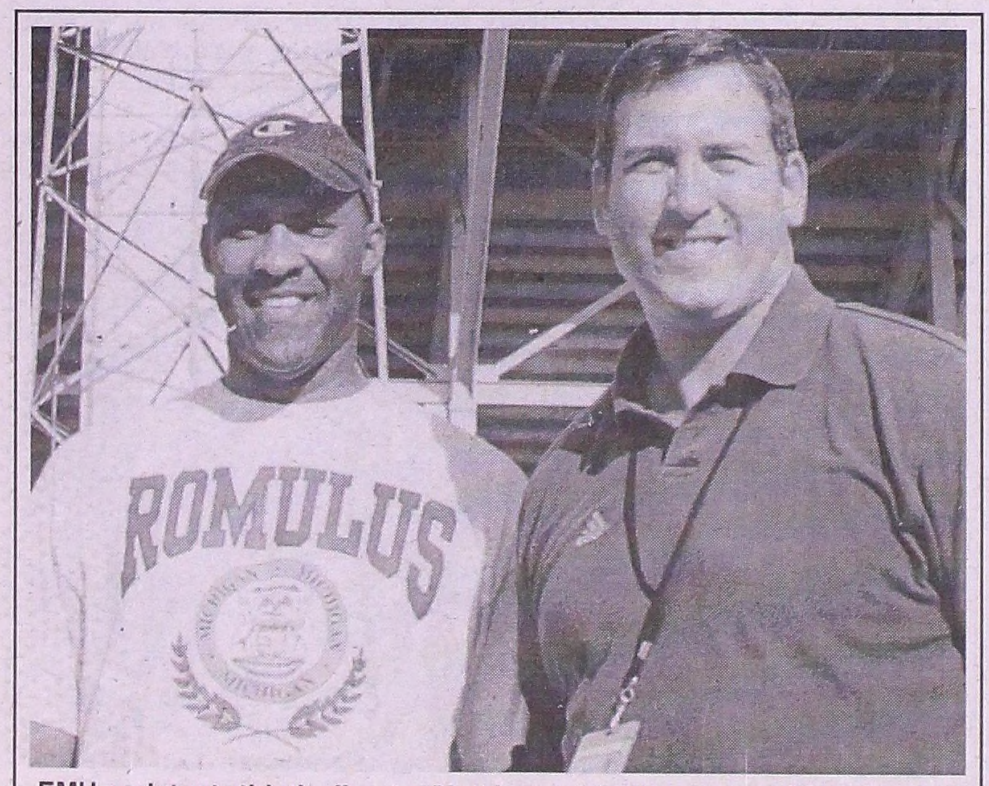
Romulus Day at EMU



Eastern Michigan University football stars (from left) Chris Talley (wide receiver), John Wester (linebacker), and Michael Woods (defensive back) – all formerly of Romulus High School – stopped at RHS with EMU athletic department assistant Anthony Bailey to pass out tickets for EMU's second annual Romulus Day game against Toledo on September 7.



RHS JV cheerleaders (from left) LaBritney Franklin, Brittani Garrison, and Nistosha Rhea got serenaded by the EMU marching band during the pregame alumni pep rally.



EMU assistant athletic director Matt Lucas (right) welcomed City Council Chairman Randy Gear – one of more than 1,000 Romulus residents who attended the Romulus Day celebration.

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Around the District

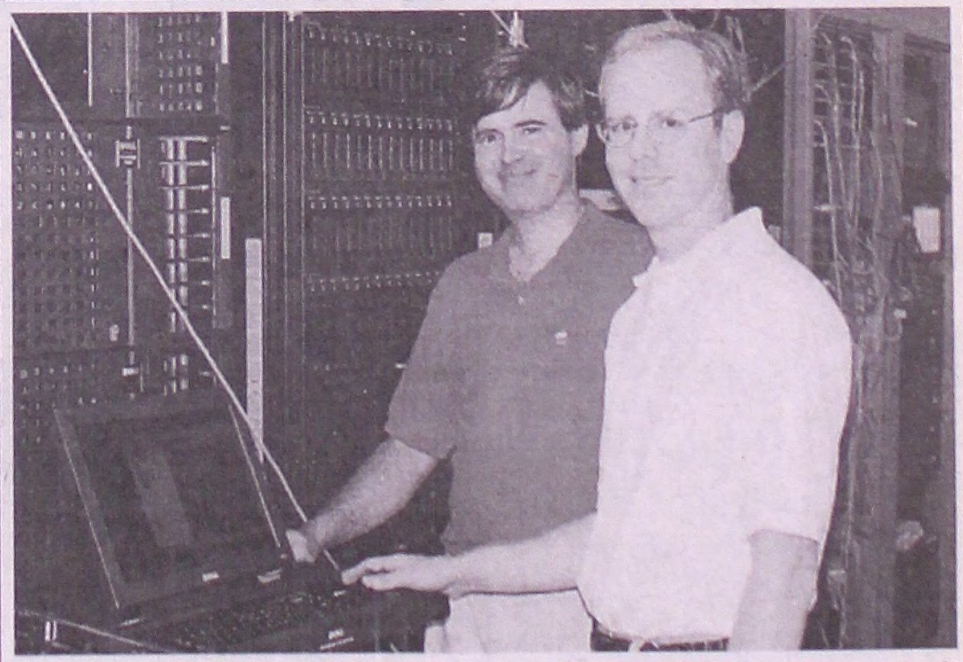
The RHS Marching Eagles Flag Corps, under the direction of Michelle Hill, proudly displayed their new uniforms. (From left) front – Miyon Smith, Zakiyyah Akhtab, Latosha Maycock, and Jessica Hudgens; back – Tiffiney Ramsey, Erica Price, Denile Brock, Brytni White, and Shamara Hill-Harris.

Cory Elementary teachers (from left) Sarah Scott, Debbie Roberts, and Sally Berger distributed school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and pens to Cory students. The supplies were purchased with funds raised by the school and by the River of Life Church youth group.

Student teacher Lynsey Kearis (left) from Western Michigan University is working with RHS foreign language teacher Rosa Russenberger, who returned to the district after a sabbatical in China, where she taught for a year. In high school, Kearis was active in the track team and French club, and was also a competitive figure skater skilled in ice dancing.

Rebecca Peterson (right) of Western Michigan University is doing her student teaching with RHS language arts teacher Serena Kessler, who returned to the district after a one-year leave of absence to tour Alaska, Tahita, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, and France. Peterson played high school soccer and volleyball, and enjoys golf.

Playing games while their parents took care of pre-school meetings were Halecreek Elementary students: (from left) front – Arianna Dieben and Ryan Wojtylko; back – Bria Jones, Emily Turner, and Jazmyn Jones.



Jason Luke (right), a server security consultant from Truarx, Inc., worked with Romulus High School media tech Phillip Rossman to bring the district's new server farm (located at RHS) online.

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City's Annual Pumpkin Festival Kicks Off Autumn Season

The 6th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival – to be held downtown along Goddard Road west of Olive Street – will run from September 20–22.

On Friday, the festival will kick off with the fourth annual "Parade of Lights" – a shimmering spectacle that will depart from the City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 8 p.m., then travel along Bibbins to Gabriel to Goddard; continue through the downtown area to the Romulus Wesleyan Church parking lot; and end up at the Romulus Progressive Club on Ozga. Last year's parade was an enormous success, featuring 54 entries enjoyed by thousands of onlookers, and this year's event promises to be bigger and *brighter* that ever!

The remainder of the weekend will feature entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. You won't want to miss a minute of fabulous, family-oriented fun!

The following is a tentative schedule of events for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. For further details, including contest rules, a copy of the City's "special events" ordinance, and fascinating historical information, pick up a festival booklet at Romulus City Hall or the Recreation/Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins.

"Parade of Lights" Contest

(Note: All entries must be lighted.) Prizes will be awarded to winners in the "people/animal-powered," "motorized," and "commercial" categories. Lineup will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. For more information, contact Deanna Osborne at 734-941-3008.

Other Contests

All entries must be brought to the Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) by 4 p.m. Friday, September 20. Winners will be announced at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday, September 21, at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-3008.

- Canning (entries must be homemade by the participant)
- Pie Baking (four categories – pumpkin, sweet potato, peach, and apple)
- Pumpkin Growing (one category – largest)
- Sunflower Growing (single-blossom only; two categories – largest face and tallest)

Games/Competitions (Olive and Goddard)

- Pumpkin Rolling (Sat., 1 p.m.)
- Hay Rolling (Sat., 2 p.m.)
- Sack Races (Sat., 3 p.m.)
- Shoe Races (Sat., 4 p.m.)
- Pie Eating (Sun., 2 p.m.)
- Seed Spitting (Sun., 3 p.m.)
- Bubble-gum Blowing (Sun., 4 p.m.)

Musical Entertainment

- "4Cast" – local rock band featuring Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (Fri., 7 p.m.)
- "Trilogy" – Top 40 band (Fri., 8 to 11 p.m.)
- "Straight Ahead" – all-female jazz band (Sat., 1 p.m.)
- "On Your Mark" Productions – karaoke (Sat., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
- "Channel 6" – featuring Romulus Schools music teachers Henry James and Mark Fernandez (Sat., 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.)
- "Waco" – country-western band (Sun., 1 p.m.)
- "Brothers from Another Planet" – alternative R&B (Sun., 4 to 6 p.m.)

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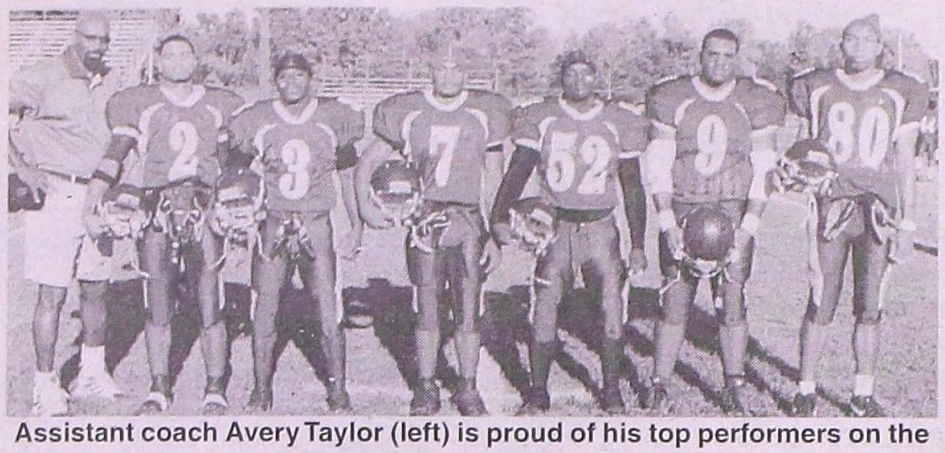
The country-western band Waco will appear at the Festival on Sunday, September 22, at 1 p.m.

Planning Begins for Romulus High School's Homecoming



Assistant coach Avery Taylor (left) is proud of his top performers on the RHS Eagles varsity football team, including (from left) Anthony Price (running back/defensive back), Christopher Middlebrooks (running back/defensive back), Brandon Dawson (fullback/line backer), John Jenkins (guard/nose tackle), Jamar Byrd (tight end/defensive end), and David Kinney (tight end/defensive end). All are looking forward to this year's Homecoming game against Lincoln Park, set for October 4.

Although the theme of Romulus High School's Homecoming 2002 will not be announced until September 25, preparations for the event are already well underway, according to Student Government advisor Jason Kahler.

The program will receive its official kickoff on Tuesday, September 24, when seniors will vote for members of the Homecoming Court, and each of the underclasses will vote for its own Prince and Princess. Results will be announced on Wednesday, September 25.

Balloting for King and Queen – open to students from all classes – will be held October 2, but those results won't be announced until the Homecoming game's halftime period.

All voting will take place during lunch periods, and students will need to present proper identification in order to cast their ballots.

In keeping with the district's commitment to service learning, a couple of community-service projects will be incorporated into the activities for Homecoming's "Spirit Week" (September 30–October 4). These include:

- a competitive penny drive, with all proceeds to be donated to a local charity; and
- a drive – run by English teacher/class advisor Jamie Nelson – to collect new and "gently used" books for children. (Note: Other community members are welcome to donate books, as well. For more information, call Kahler at 734-532-1053.)

Other Spirit Week highlights will include the following dress-up days:

- Monday: "Crazy Hair" Day,
- Tuesday: "Pajama" Day,
- Wednesday: "Theme" Day (TBA),
- Thursday: "Dress Spiffy" Day, and
- Friday: "Maroon and White" Day.

The annual Pep Rally – to be held Friday, during sixth hour – will feature a number of activities as students battle for points to win the coveted Spirit Jug. These will include pyramid-building, a tug-of-war, an obstacle course, and performance of the school's fight song.

The Romulus community's participation in this year's Homecoming festivities will begin with the annual Homecoming Parade, set for Friday, October 4. The parade will depart from the Romulus City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 5 p.m. and follow its usual route (Bibbins to Gabriel to Goddard to Neville to Ozga to Wick) to end up at the Romulus Middle School's athletic field in time for the 7 p.m. Homecoming Game against Lincoln Park.

Grand Marshal of the parade will be Gail Coleman, a lifelong Romulus resident who retired in June after 31 years of teaching and coaching athletics in the Romulus Community Schools.

Parade participants must obey the following rules:

- Objects (candy, fliers, etc.) may not be thrown to the crowd along the parade route.
- Political advertising or distribution of political literature is prohibited.
- Any group planning to use animals must provide a cleanup detail to follow the group.
- Each group or unit must provide its own banner or sign stating its name.
- Groups/units cannot participate in the parade unless they have been preregistered and approved by the Homecoming Committee.

Winners of the float and Spirit Jug competitions will be announced during halftime.

The week's activities will wrap up on Saturday, October 5, with the annual Homecoming Dance, which will be held at the High School from 7 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets ($15 per person/$30 per couple) may be purchased at the school until sold out; no tickets will be available at the door. ❑

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Flag Formation, Memorial Tree, Parade, Poem, and Moments of Silence Mark District's September 11th Memorial Events

Students attending Romulus Community Schools participated in a number of special programs held in remembrance of the tragedy that our nation endured on September 11, 2001.

At Wick Elementary School, the entire student body formed a giant American flag outside the school, then joined together to give a touching performance of "The Star Spangled Banner." Principal Debbie Juriga was very proud of her students and the seriousness of purpose shown by all.

Principal Phyllis Adkins at Cory Elementary School was equally proud of three students who staged their own memorial parade around the Wyncliff Estates subdivision.

"Our students have to do something in the community for 'the common good,' and these students certainly distinguished themselves with their parade," Adkins said.

Sixth-graders Rodney Dubisky, Tyler Slone, and Brad Webb went out into the streets of their neighborhood bearing flags and loudly singing "The Pledge of Allegiance." In a short period of time, more than 25 people had joined them.

"The best part was all the people honking their horns and cheering us on while we marched," said Webb.

At Romulus High School, students installed a memorial plaque and planted a memorial tree on the school's front lawn. Student Council advisor Jason Kahler was impressed by the dedication and effort shown by his students, who made all the necessary arrangements.

And kindergartners at Halecreek Elementary School got a real treat when their teacher, Cathy Kudra, wrote a special remembrance poem for them. Kudra, who has written many inspiring poems for local events of importance, wishes to share her poem with the community. ❑

All 360 students at Wick Elementary School joined together to form an American Flag for their remembrance program on September 11. The students then sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Three Cory Elementary School students – (from left) Brad Webb, Rodney Dubisky, and Tyler Slone – started their own "September 11 Memorial Parade" around the Wyncliff Estates subdivision.

Our American Flag

by Cathy Kudra, in remembrance of September 11, 2001

At Halecreek, our flag waves so proud and tall,
It can be seen by one and all!

With its bold stripes of white and red, and bright stars of creamy white
That shine in a sea of blue, it is seen waving in each new day's light.

To this flag that represents our Country's freedoms for me and you,
We pledge each day that we will be, to our Country, faithful and true.

The freedoms for which our flag does stand
Are acceptance, fairness, and justice throughout our land.

We are proud to be Americans, with so many opportunities in our sight.
We stand by this land we love in morning, noon, and night.

Halecreek's flag of red, white, and blue will continue to wave in front of her door.
Amidst the blue and spacious sky, we will raise her each day as we did before!

Halecreek kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra (back) wrote a poem in remembrance of the events of September 11 for her students, including (from left) Aaron Wojtylko, Ashton Whorton, Mikayla Washington, and Marissa Price.

Romulus High School students Sherri Davis (left) and Amanda Brewington helped plant this "Remembrance Day Tree" on the front lawn of the school. The student government group also presented a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Romulus Pumpkin Festival

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Other Entertainment

- Parks & Rec Dance Group (Sat., 12 p.m.)
- "Step-in-Line" – line dancing (Sat., 3 p.m.)

Historical Programs at the Kingsley House (across from the Post Office)

- Samuel R. Kingsley House Preview (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., and Sun., 1 to 4 p.m.)
- Civil War "Living History" Group (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- Performance by Dulce Musica (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m.)
- Early American Craft Demonstrations (Sat., 12 to 5 p.m., and Sun., 1 to 4 p.m.)
- Performance of Dulcimer/Guitar Music (Sun., 1 to 4 p.m.)
- Antique Tractors (Sun., 1 to 4 p.m.)
- "Underground Railroad" Storyteller (Sun. 2 p.m.)

Miscellaneous Attractions

- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (Romulus Recreation Center; Sat., 7 to 11 a.m.)
- Car Show (Olive south of Bibbins; Sat., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Crafts (Romulus Senior Center; Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Used Book Sale (Olive and Goddard; Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Chicken Dinners (Romulus Progressive Hall at Five Points; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- K-9 Officers, Romulus Police Department (Sat., 4 p.m., and Sun., 12 p.m.)
- Spaghetti Dinners (Community United Methodist Church at Olive and Bibbins; Sat., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; children under 3 *free*)

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Don't Forget To Say "Thanks"

The success of the Pumpkin Festival is the result of a lot of hard work performed by dedicated people. So while you're out enjoying yourself, why not take the time to say "thanks" to the volunteers who make the fun happen, especially Festival Committee Co-chairpersons Maria Lambert, Joanne Whaley, and Laurie Berlinn; Treasruer Debra Hoffman; Entertainment Coordinator Ellen Craig-Bragg; Vendor Coordinator Rosalie Berlinn; and their fellow committee members: Julie Albert, Julie Allison, Carole Bales, Carl Brooks, Herb Buckley, Lynn Conway, David Early, Terry Hermenau, Betsey Krampitz, William Kren, Alan Lambert, Kathy & Sara Lindroth, Linda Norman, Brian Oakley, Betty Jean Pressler, Robert Pressler, Sharon Raftary, Phil Renke, Denise Simmerman, Hubert Staten, Marianna Tallent, Jim & Norma Thompson, and Robert Youtsey.

City of Romulus PUBLIC NOTICE

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 26, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 26, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed all Board members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McCraight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, requested that the Career Ed Resolution be deleted from the Agenda.

8/02/18 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/02/19 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2002, as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Natalie Montague, Special Education Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective August 26, 2002; and Karen Terwilliger, Second-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 26, 2002.

8/02/20 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Ed Horn, Social Studies Teacher, High School, Effective August 15, 2002.

8/02/21 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to approve the resignation of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Patricia Hebert, Kindergarten Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 21, 2002.

8/02/22 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi to approve the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI: Robert Bull, Technical Aide, Automotive Technology, High School, Effective August 28, 2002.

Bills for Payment

8/02/23 Moved by Frayer supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

Mr. Kevin Waldeman appeared before the Board with a construction update.

Curriculum Presentation – NCA Title I – Juriga

Mrs. Debbie Juriga appeared before the Board of Education and presented the NCA Title I Annual Report.

Cable TV Discussion

The Board came to a consensus to proceed with the process that will bring a recommendation and bid to the Board for Cable TV production.

2002–2003 Board Meeting Locations

8/02/24 Moved by Frayer supported by Woods to accept the attached listing of building locations for Board meetings as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Election of MASB Board of Director

8/02/25 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the Board of Education vote for Earl Rickman (Group IV), Brad Baltensperger (At Large), and Joanne Morgan (At Large). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Milk and Bread Bids

8/02/26 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve Independent Bakery and Smith's Dairy as the suppliers for bread and milk for the Cafeteria for the 2002/2003 year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked for an analysis of MEAP data.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) End-of-Year Program Report – Summer High School; 2) Governor's Education Summit; and 3) NSBA National Affiliate Update.

Mr. Carr alluded to the delivery of the 2002 buses that we ordered. He stated that we are not going to receive them. Our transportation department has proceeded to seek new bids (August 29, 2002).

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked if summer school was held in Romulus or at Belleville. Mrs. April Frayer questioned report cards for first- and second-grade level. Have parent conferences the first and third terms instead of first and second. Mr. Michael Woods remarked about the article on the school districts in the *Detroit News* and stated that counseling for the Middle School and High School are concerns. Mr. Mientkiewicz asked what the ratio was of students to counselors, and asked about the sign at the Carl Morris Field.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/02/27 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/02/27 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Spaghetti Dinner Benefits CUMC** – An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be held at Community United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $4 for ages 6–12 (no charge for under 6). Proceeds go to the CUMC Vision 2000 Building Fund.
- **Open Audition for Storytellers** – Are you one of those people who has a way with words? Do your friends plead with you to regale them with tales of your misadventures? If so, there is a place waiting for you, center stage, at the Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild's open audition for storytellers, to be held at Guild House (University of Michigan, 802 Monroe Street at Oakland, Ann Arbor) on Sunday, September 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Each storyteller will be given 15 minutes to introduce and tell his/her story of wonder, woe, whimsy, or whoop-do-doo; the four best will earn an opportunity to perform on stage at "Tellebration!" – the 14th Annual International Benefit of Storytelling for Adults – on November 23, 2002. Proceeds from "Tellebration!" underwrite free public performances of nationally acclaimed storytellers and spoken-word artists for the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw community. (Note: The evening performance is dedicated to stories for adults, and is not suitable for children.) For more information, contact Judy Schmidt (734-971-5763) or Yvonne Healy (810-225-2204).
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one or more of the following free workshops: ***Wonderful Rugosa Roses*** (Sunday, September 22, at 1 p.m., or Monday, September 23, at 11 a.m.), and ***Winterizing Roses*** (Sunday, September 29, at 1 p.m., or Monday, September 30, at 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! No reservation is necessary. For more information, call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com).
- **Ficano Speaks at Belleville Chamber's Luncheon**– Sheriff Robert Ficano, candidate for Wayne County Executive, will speak at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting, to be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Thursday, September 26, at noon. A cost of $10 per person includes a buffet luncheon. Reservations may be made until Monday, September 23, by calling 734-697-7151.
- **RHS Class of '72 Hosts 30-year Reunion** – The 30-year reunion of Romulus High School's Class of 1972 will be held at VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, September 28, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A cost of $30 per person/$60 per couple includes dinner, wine, beer, setups, and DJ entertainment. For more information, contact John Meyer (734-941-7142).
- **St. Paul's Hosts Luncheon, Dinner, Craft Show** – In conjunction with Huron Township's Applefest weekend, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a soup/dessert luncheon on Saturday, October 5, from 11:30 a.m. until sold out, and a chicken dinner on Sunday, October 6, from noon until sold out. The Church will also conduct its annual rummage sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- **Annual Crop Walk Benefits the Hungry** – The annual Romulus/Belleville Crop Walk for world hunger will be held Sunday, October 6, at 1:15 p.m. The walk will begin at Community United Methodist Church (corner of Olive and Bibbins in downtown Romulus) and continue on to Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville. Walkers and monetary donations are most welcome to benefit this worthwhile cause. For additional information, please call CUMC any day between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. (734-941-0736).
- **Immunization Clinics at RAHC** – Romulus Community Schools nurse Laura Ralko is reminding district parents that sixth-graders will be required to have their health records reassessed and could require additional vaccinations in order to meet the stringent new Michigan Department of Health regulations. To help parents comply with this and other immunization requirements, the district is scheduling a number of clinics at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, located in Romulus High School. The clinics will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 24. Note: this year's district-wide "exclusion date" is October 23.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Recreation News

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Kickboxing

The Recreation Department's kickboxing program – open to all ages – is great for both beginners and experienced students. Classes will meet at Romulus Elementary School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from September 24 to November 26.

Cost is $50 for students attending one class per week; $79 for those attending two. No refunds will be issued after the first day of class. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 23.

Tae Kwon Do

A "tae kwon do" program for students ages 6 and up will be held at the Recreation Center from 1 to 2 p.m. each Saturday from October 5 through December 21.

Cost for the session is $30. Register by Friday, September 27.

Clogging

Ages 7 through adult are invited to take part in an upcoming clogging program, to be held at the Recreation Center each Saturday from October 5 through December 21 according to the following schedule:

- beginners: 1 to 2 p.m.
- intermediate: 2 to 3 p.m.
- advanced: 3 to 4 p.m.

Cost is $25 per session. Register by September 27.

After-school Dance

The Recreation Department's "after-school dance, ballet & jazz" program for ages 5 through 12 will be held at Halecreek Elementary School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 7 and continuing through October 30.

Cost is $60 for the session. Register by October 2.

Gymnastics

The Tumblebunnies gymnastics program for ages 3 to 15 is accepting late registrations for the fall session, which began September 17 and will continue through October 29. Classes are held at the Recreation Center each Tuesday according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to 15: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost is $60 per session.

After-school Soccer

Students in grades 3 through 6 can still sign up for the Recreation Department's after-school soccer program, which began September 17 and will continue through November 7. The program is conducted at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Romulus elementary schools from 3:30 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

A cost of $30 per child includes bus transportation home and a T-shirt.

Men's Fall Basketball

The Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for its Men's Open Division and Men's 30+ Division fall basketball leagues. League play (at Romulus Middle School) will begin the week of September 23. Trophies will be awarded to Division Champion sponsors and team members.

Cost is $200 per team (plus a $25 nonresident fee, if applicable). Call for more information. ❑

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Senior Center Commemorates 9/11

The Romulus Senior Center's recent memorial service – held in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001 – was a big success.

Guest speakers who took part in the event included:

- George Aren, director of disaster services for the Salvation Army, who shared two videos and spoke of his time at Ground Zero in New York City;
- Romulus firefighter John Thiede, who shared his Ground Zero experiences and answered questions from many of the 72 people in the audience; and
- Margaret Leduc, emergency management coordinator for the City of Romulus, who informed those in attendance about emergency preparations at all levels, local to national.

Musical entertainment was provided by local talent Sylvia Dubisky as well as City of Romulus personnel director Barb Fitzgerald and her assistant, Lois Parker.

"This was such a wonderful event," said Linda Norman, the Senior Center's program coordinator. "For one hour, we were just Americans – not young students from the Middle School, not senior citizens, not politicians. We were as one, united and grateful to be Americans.

"This is how it should be," Norman concluded.

Some Well-deserved Thanks

Program Coordinator Norman says she is proud to announce a gift of much-needed tables to the Romulus Senior Center.

"The generosity of City Councilman Chuck Miller started a chain reaction, and with the contributions from Betty Santo's Middle School students and local resident Sylvia Dubisky, the Center was able to purchase the tables for our various special events," she explained. "The Center was going to be faced with programming difficulties if these individuals had not opened their hearts to the needs of our senior citizens."

Betty Lenossi, a staff member at the Senior Center, added, "Saying 'thank you' seems to be so little, but our thanks is truly heartfelt."

Lunch with Boike

Wayne County Commissioner Edward Boike will host a spaghetti luncheon on Friday, September 27, at 1 p.m. Boike has organized the event so that area residents can discuss County-related issues with him in a comfortable, informal atmosphere.

Although there is no charge to attend this event, the Center hopes that those who plan to attend will RSVP so that staff members can be sure there is enough food for all.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- ***"My Fair Lady"*** (October 29; $89);
- ***Point Edward Casino*** (November 7; $15);
- ***MGM*** (November 14; $15); and
- ***Las Vegas*** (November 18–22; $579).

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, September 30, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable ($5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Hot Lunches

Just a reminder that the Center serves a hot lunch each weekday for $1.75. Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. ❑

Performing the musical portion of the Romulus Senior Center's "September 11 Memorial Program" were (from left) Sylvia Dubisky, Barb Fitzgerald, and Lois Parker.

Guest speakers at the program were (from left) George Oren (Salvation Army), Margaret Leduc (Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Romulus), and John Thiede (firefighter, City of Romulus).

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50th Anniversary

Clines Renew Vows After 50 Years

Reverend Grover C. Cline Jr. and Mrs. Elvira (Seals) Cline of Romulus, Michigan, will once again exchange rings and vows after God's blessing of 50 years of marriage. Reverend Charles P. Woolridge (First Baptist Church of Romulus), the couple's pastor, will perform the ceremony at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2002 – a day after the Clines' 50th anniversary date.

The ceremony will be held at Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ (30043 Parkwood, Inkster, MI), the church of the Clines' son-in-law and daughter, Elder Ernest L. Tolbert Sr. and Darlene (Cline) Tolbert.

Mrs. Cline will be escorted by her father, Reverend Walter Seals Sr., and his wife, Josephine Seals. Reverend Cline's parents, Reverend Grover C. Cline Sr. and Mrs. Mamie Cline, are both deceased, but will be there in spirit.

Serving as groomsmen and bridesmaids will be the couple's six children and their spouses: Reverend Larry D. and Marcella Cline, Winston and Theresa M. (Cline) Miller, Elder Ernest L. and Darlene (Cline) Tolbert, Darren M. and Virginia Cline, Myron and Claudette (Cline) Cobbs, and Minister Tracy J. and Sheri Cline.

Elvira and Grover Cline

Grandchildren Mikayla Miller and Brendan Davis will serve as the flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

The couple plan to celebrate this momentous occasion with a host of family members and friends. ❑

The Stork Arrived

Andrew Joseph Ozog, Jr.

Andrew and Martha Ozog of Chesterfield, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Andrew Joseph Ozog, Jr.

Andrew was born in Mt. Clemens General Hospital at 3:30 a.m. on Monday, September 2, 2002, weighing in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big sister Cloe Ozog, who is 3 years old.

Andrew's paternal grandparents are Joseph and Nina Ozog (Romulus, MI). Jesus and Angela Barrios (Hawthorne, CA) are his maternal grandparents. ❑

Obituary

Marie A. Krebs

Marie A. Krebs, a prominent resident of Romulus, Michigan for 65 years, died on Thursday, July 4, 2002, at the age of 92.

Born on May 21, 1908, the daughter of the late Gertrude LaBarr graduated from Ypsilanti Normal College (Eastern Michigan University) and taught school in that area for awhile. She was active in her church, Girl Scouts, and many civic endeavors. Marie's family and friends deemed her a wise and trusted counselor who generously shared her wealth of knowledge and artistic skills.

Surviving Marie are her children, Jeannine (Howard) Wayman (Stockbridge, MI), Allan (Connie) Krebs (Belleville, MI), and Janie (Michael) Roth (Bloomfield Hills, MI), as well as 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, James Jacob Krebs, and one son, James Dwayne Krebs.

A funeral service was officiated by the Reverend David Stewart (First United Methodist Church, Wayne, MI). Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West (Westland, MI). ❑

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